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30 January through 3 February 1956

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1. [] reported that there was a big flap in the DD/P area having to do with squawk boxes in that several senior people were overhearing each other's conversations. Told him to do whatever was necessary to get the matter straightened out but that all concerned should understand that squawk boxes were not secure.

2. Larry Houston and I interviewed Roger Fisher who, in his opposition to our locating at the Langley site, is determined to be as destructive as possible. (See Memorandum for the Record.) H

3. On 2 February the National Capital Planning Commission voted 7 to 5 in favor of our locating our proposed new building at the Langley site. We have not yet received any official notification. H

4. Conferred with [] staff about military mobilization requirements. They are fearful that General Erskine's office, and particularly Brigadier General Harold Maddux, is going to demand information which we cannot supply without revealing the strength of the Agency, etc. Inasmuch as General Maddux was a classmate of mine I undertook to see him alone and discuss the matter with him prior to being put in the position of denying information. 25X1A9A

5. At a Supergrade Review Board Meeting it was generally agreed that we would go ahead with our expansion of supergrades as necessary without the ranking procedures which we had previously discussed. Bob Amory was given authority to go ahead with not to exceed ten additional positions. I have advised DD/S people that they may make recommendations to me at any time.

6. At a Deputies' Meeting recently Mr. Dulles directed that Mr. Kirkpatrick work with me in effecting proposed retirement procedures.

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7. Had a long talk with [] who felt that he should replace [] as our principal support planner. Explained to him my philosophy of getting senior people overseas, etc., after which he thoroughly understood and expressed a desire to continue in his present position. Am confident that he does understand and that his morale or effectiveness will not be hurt.

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8. Through a series of talks involving Max Elliott, General Counsel for the General Services Administration, Larry Houston and I think that at long last we have worked out an agreement under which we can proceed with GSA to effect a contract with our architect. It still needs to be accepted by Mr. Mansure; however, as now drafted it has the informal approval of the Department of Justice (Mr. Lee Rankin). H

9. Talked to Brigadier General David H. Tulley who has replaced Mr. Leon Zach on the National Capital Planning Commission as the Army Engineers representative. Through my efforts and those of General Cabell we were able to convince him that he should reverse the Army Engineers vote, which he did at the meeting on 2 February. H

25X1A9A 10. Agreed with General [] that his tour of duty with the Agency should be extended to 1 July 1957.

25X1A9A 11. Had a long talk with Admiral [] about the philosophies of war planning. He had a specific personal request of me. When he came on duty with the Agency he gave Annapolis as his address, although actually Hawaii was his legal residence. He is looking forward to the day when he will leave the Agency and hopes that some arrangement can be worked out to ship his household goods back to Hawaii, or to whatever point he may designate within the United States. Told him that I would have to look into this but would give him something definite before he went back to []

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15. Had a final session with [] He was high in his praise of the warm and cooperative reception which he had received from all of the Support components. He wanted to urge me to approve of a very great delegation of authority which the [] had requested for [] and

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